FOR MYSORE STATE

D.O. Board of Revenue (Exc.& Prohi.),
Chepauk, MADRAS 5,
11th April, 1950.

My dear Unnithan,

As some complaints were received by H.M.(Rev.) that the forests in the Sandur territory were denuded after the merger, he wanted me to inquire into this matter when I went ~~to Sandur on 9-4-50.~~

2. The toal extent of the Sandur forests is about 124 square miles. It included some tree-growth on patta lands and small hillocks by the side of the villages which have been granted on patta. Before the merger, pattadars could not remove the tree-growth even in the private forests without the previous permission of the Ruler.

3. Last year permission was given by the Special Officer under the State rules for clearing sparse tree-growth in an extent of about 100 acres close to the road within revenue village limits, provided that the lands were fit for cultivation. Some timber was also sold at concessional rates from State forests for the construction of houses which collapsed during the floods of September, 1949.

4. The Special Officer says that the forests proper have not been affected in any way This was also my impression from what I saw of the forest on my way from Sandur to Ramandrug Now that the State rules are not in force, permission is no longer necessary for cutting forest growth on patta lands

5. The Chief Forest Officer, a retired Mysore official, was discharged on 9-2-50. The Ranger who relieved him went away on 6-3-50 and there is now nobody to look after the forests, and the Chief Conservator of Forests, Coimbatore, has been addressed to send a Ranger. The Distr Forest Officer has not so far come and inspected the forests the Conservator of Ballary is said to have taken some figure when he passed through Sandur on his way to Kudlig. It very desirable that somebody should be posted immediately

take charge of the forests, and the District Forest Officer concerned should make a preliminary survey of the forests with a view to see if any of the tree-growth on patta lands should be afforested, and taken over by the Forest department with a view to prevent its being cut by the pattadars.

There are a lot of peacocks in the forests. I understand that under the Sandur Forest rules, they and some other animals were protected and could not be shot even by the licensees. On the report of the Special Officer, I am told that the Collector of Bellary has addressed the Government through the Chief Conservator of forests to take steps to protect them as there is no such prohibition in the Madras Forest Rules. The Huzur Secretary to H.H. the Ruler tells me that during the negotiations with the States Ministry, he supplied a copy of the Sandur-Games Association Rules and wanted them to be recognised; that the Government of India addressed the Government of Madras, and that the Chief Secretary who was addressed by the Ruler has written that the matter is under consideration. Action that is being taken in the matter may be ascertained in the Secretariat.

I am also told that under the State rules, the ryots could take bamboos, etc., for agricultural and domestic purposes at low rates of seigniorage and that the Special Officer has addressed the Government for the continuance of these concessions.

(Will you kindly put up this D.O. to H.H.(Rev.) for his information?)

Yours sincerely,

VV Giri

Sri K.N.Unnithan, I.C.S.,
Secretary to Government,
Revenue Department,
Fort St. George.

Rev. Dept. Development wo.

15/4/50

DEV(G) Dept.

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Memo No. 3730 G/50. 1 d/ 10.5.50

Sub: Forts. Forts in the annexed area of Sambhar

M-1-2 g Ref. A Copy of D.O. No. d/: 11.4.50 from the Ist Member of the Bd of Rev is communicated to the ref for necessary action and report if necessary

To
My ref
(with a copy of M-1-2 g)

Rev (G) Dept
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p/ckeve
Ray
26/5

Memo No. 3713 a Cy 52-2 dt: 26.5.50
Sub: Forests. Forests in the
merged area of Sandur

Gnb
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p3/f

Ref Correspondence ending with
Govt memo No. 3730 Cy 51 Rev
dt 10.5.50

The attention of the Rcf
is invited to G.O Ms No 2039 Rev
d: 22.5.50. He is requested to
appoint the staff sanctioned
in the G.O. immediately. He is also
requested to take steps to preserve the and
improve them in the merged area of
Sandur and also to improve
them.

2. The Rcf is also requested
to expedite his remarks on
the report of the Collector of
Bellary relating to the protection
of peacocks in the Sandur forests
referred to in para 6 of the
Board Member's report commu-
nicated with the memo cited
His attention is also invited to
Govt Memo No. 4383 Cy/49-17
d: 4.11.49

requested to instruct the D.F.O. to inspect the forests urgently and to

Ref para 6, page

Ref Report
24/5

To
The Rcf

Gnb
30/5

Ray
23.5.50

AM
25/5/50

26.5.50

No. 24471 C/50

Rev. Dept.

Forests - (Sandur) - Preservation of - Proposals.

To A.S.

Please see the D.O. from the Mr Member of the Board of Revenue in the C.S. the D.O. to be seen by HH (H.D.).

2. The Member says that there is nobody to look after the forests in the Sandur merged area, that it is desirable that somebody should be posted immediately to take charge of the forests, and that the Dt Forest Officer concerned should make a preliminary survey of the forests with a view to see if any of the tree growth on patta lands should be afforested and taken over by the Forest department with a crew to prevent it being cut by the pattadars. The matter is one for consideration in the Development department. The papers may therefore be transferred to D.D. who may be requested to take action w.r.t. HH's remarks at A + enp. 1 cf.

Through M'

Dr 20.4.50 20/4/50

S 19.4.50 (The question of declaring certain private forests in the villages of Murarpu and Vittalnaga in Sandur, as forest for purposes of the Madras Preservation of Private Forests Act, is separately under consideration. The Collector's report regarding the Survey Nos. or boundaries of these forests is awaited.)

file C.No. 32124H/4 not found up

Dr 20/4/50 21

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24/4/50 A.S.P/S.

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Transfer D.D.

Rev (C2) Dept

The D.O. from the Secretary the Bd of Rev on pp 1-2/c, the minutes of HM (CR) on at 'A' on p 4/c and the Rev Dept note on p 1 above are submitted for perusal.

A copy of the D.O. may be communicated to the Ccf for necessary action and report if necessary. A

HM (Prohn) may perhaps see the report for the C-in-C.

3/5/50

It did expect this state of affairs in Sandur forest area. That is the reason why in another file I said that we need not wait for the sanction of the S of C for the extra staff asked for by the C C F. If that file has come back with the approval of HM (Fin) & HC M. we may ask the C C F to appoint the staff immediately

'A' above — yes.

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'M' above

The file referred to at 'M' above relates to the proposal for the employment of staff required for the management of the forests in the merged area of Sandur. It has been circulated to HM (Prohn) and HM (Fin) on 26-4-50 for orders whether the proposal will be placed before the S.C. It is requested that the file is now with the HM (Fin) for orders which may be over till 15-5-50 or till

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from circulation,
that file ~~was~~ has not yet come back from circulation
earlier.

N on p 2 ante

A draft memo to the CC
is submitted for approval.

Thro CS

9.5.50 VK 9.5.50

8550 ID 8/5/50.

8/5/50 J. Gosl

p 3 cf. (closed as memo No: 32/50 CJ 50 - 1 cf: 10532)

The file referred to at ~~B~~ on p 2
above has not yet come back
from circulation. It is understood
that the file is now with Mr [illegible]
and he has been reminded.

This may continue to lie over
till 29.5.50 or till that file comes
back from circulation whichever is
earlier.

15.5.50. MW 15.5.50.

Mr has since been received back

ITR 16/5/50

Submitted. The main file has
since been sent to him with a
draft order for acceptance. This
may therefore lie over till
SC 55890 J/8 26-5-50 or till the main file comes
back to this dept. whichever is earlier.

The file has since been returned
19.5.50 MCA 19.5.50 by him. Put up urgently after
three of ades in that file.

PM 20/5/50.

~~ades~~ at 'M' on p 2 ante

Ades have since been
issued approaching sanctioning Staff for the

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PTO to p 5 1.

management of the forests in the merged area of Saurashtra. We feel many now be asked to appoint the staff immediately ~~and~~ A draft memo is submitted for approval.

Thro C[illegible] 24/5/50 Kp 24.5.

The C.C.F may also be asked to instruct the D.F.O. concerned to inspect the forests urgently and to take action to preserve and improve the forests as advised by Dr. M. L. R. at A mp 1 c/f.

Draft memo is submitted for approval

15/5/50 26.5.50

ps 5 c/f (received as memo No. 3730 Cy 50 2 of 26.5.50

No further action seems called for in this file. for orders whether the file may be closed.

Thro C[illegible] 31/5/50 Km 1.6.50

31.5.50. 31/5/50

What about para 2 n/p 5 c/f? 'M'

1/6/50

M' above

Submitted for orders whether the file may be transferred to 'C' for further action.

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2/6/50. Kp 2.6.50

2.6.50 2.6.50

Let C[illegible] take necessary extracts for the file pending in that Section

3/6/50.

GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

Abstract.

Establishments - Forests - Staff for the management of the forests in the merged area of Sandur - Sanctioned.

Development Department.

G.O.Ms. 2039 Dated 22nd May 1950.

Read Again: G.O.Ms.No.9 Development, dated 3-1-1950
Read Also : From the Chief Conservator of Forests No.8579/49-D1-2 dated 21-3-1950.

ORDER:

His Excellency the Governor of Madras sanctions the employment for a period of one year from the date of appointment, of the following staff for the management of the forests in the merged area of Sandur:-

(1) Four Foresters on Rs. 50-3-65-2-85 each
(2) Thirteen Forest Guards on Rs.20-½(A)-30 each
(3) Thirteen Forest Watchers on Rs.10/- each
(4) One peon on Rs. 18-½(A)-25
(5) One office watcher on Rs.15/-; and
(6) One Lower Division Clerk on Rs.45-3-60-2-90.

2. The expenditure on account of the staff should be debited to the appropriate head under '10-Forest'.

3. The Chief Conservator of Forests is requested to take very urgent action to absorb into Madras service suitable and qualified persons now employed in the merged Sandur State and submit a report to the Government in due course.

(By Order of His Excellency the Governor)

P.S.Viswanatha Ayyar,
Secretary to Government.

To
The Chief Conservator of Forests.
The Accountant-General through Finance.

Forwarded/By Order.

Superintendent.

rr/22/5/-